

Remarks

In order to further prosecution, Applicant has canceled claims 1-82 and added new claims 83-98. These amendments should not be taken as a disclaimer of any subject matter; Applicant explicitly reserves the right to pursue subject matter that was pending prior to this amendment in future applications. Applicant submits that the cancellation of claims 1-82 renders all the outstanding rejections moot.


I. Support for Claim Amendments

Support for claim 83 and dependent claims 84-90 drawn to a chemical testing apparatus can be found on page 3, lines 14-27; page 8, line 23-page 12, line 23; the Drawings; and the original claims 1-13 and 19-28. Support for the method of testing claims (claims 91-98) can be found on page 4, lines 11-21; page 13, line 22-page 20, line 16; and original claims 17-18 and 29. Support for certain aspects of the new claims may also be found in the parent application U.S.S.N. 09/253,153, filed February 19, 1999, which is incorporated by reference into the present application. Applicant submits that no new matter is added by these amendments.

In light of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance; a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

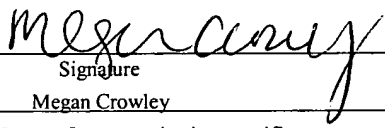
If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite matters, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-5215. The Examiner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this amendment, or to refund for any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.: 03-1721.

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